

Community-Based Job Training Grants

Pueblo Community College



Grantee: Pueblo Community College (PCC)

Industry Focus: Advanced Manufacturing

Key Partners: Pikes Peak Workforce Center; Pueblo Workforce Center; Pueblo City Schools; Pikes Peak Community College; Pueblo County Economic Development and the Business and Education Talent Readiness Project; Colorado Association for Manufacturing & Technology; Manufacturing Skills Standard Council; and numerous local advanced manufacturing employers

Grant Amount: \$1,998,571

Leveraged Amount: \$611,952

Location of Grant Activities: El Paso, Pueblo, and Teller Counties, Colorado

Challenge: Local employers forecast a short-term and long-term need for workers who are interested in, and prepared to enter, the advanced manufacturing industry. Pueblo Community College is currently unable to meet the training needs of employers due to a lack of advanced manufacturing curricula, training facility space and instructional equipment. There is also a need to upgrade faculty skills.

Addressing the Challenge: Through the Advanced Manufacturing in Southern Colorado project, Pueblo Community College and its partners will address the workforce shortage. The project will develop new curriculum, enhance existing curriculum, and provide job readiness training to help participants not only keep their jobs, but advance within their chosen careers. Delivery of programs will be expanded through the creation of three Mobile Learning Labs. Teaching competencies will be upgraded and aligned with the enhanced curricula, state-of-the-art instructional technology, web-based course delivery and industry demands.

Projected Outcomes:

- 450 individuals will participate in training activities
- 428 trainees will complete the program
- 385 individuals will earn Manufacturing Skills Standards Council (MSSC) certification
- 363 PCC certificates or degrees will be earned
- 648 individuals will utilize the Mobile Training Labs